

Daggett County

FACTS

Updated July 2008

Population

As of July 1st	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Population	921	954	963	949	969
% Change of the Prior Year	0.5%	3.6%	0.9%	-1.5%	2.1%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee.

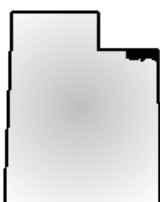
<http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

As of July 1st	2007
Manila	298

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Labor Force	484	499	499	515	517
Employed	458	472	473	491	498
Unemployed	26	27	26	24	19
Rate	5.4%	5.4%	5.1%	4.7%	3.7%
Nonfarm Jobs	445	454	462	460	487
%Chng Prior Year	-3.5%	2.0%	1.8%	-0.4%	5.9%
Mining	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	16	28	44	38	68
Manufacturing	d	d	d	d	d
Trade/Trans/Utilities	25	24	24	34	40
Information	d	d	d	d	d
Financial Activities	d	d	d	d	d
Profess/Business Svcs	d	d	3	3	2
Ed/Health/Social Svcs	d	d	d	d	d
Leisure/Hospitality	136	131	127	132	135
Other Services	d	5	5	6	4
Government	253	260	253	242	234
Total Establishments	50	53	57	59	59
Total Wages (\$Millions)	10.6	11.2	12.7	12.7	14.6

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do>

<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>

Daggett County's economy is dominated by government services of federal lands and the operation of Flaming Gorge Dam. Growth in tourism has expanded recreation and allied services based businesses. These activities now form a major component of the county's economy.

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2007 in Review

Thanks to strong construction activity, Daggett County's economy witnessed a strong rebound in 2007. Compared with the previous year, employment was up 5.9 percent, unemployment fell to 3.7 percent, and the county even experienced a small increase in population. However, since most of that growth depends on temporary construction projects the outlook for 2008 is unsure.

People and Housing

After falling in 2006, the county's population rebounded nicely in 2007. Overall the number of people living in the county was estimated to have increased by 2.1 percent in 2007 when compared with the previous year. That amounted to a gain of roughly 20 people. While that may seem small, in a sparsely populated county like Daggett any gain is good news. Interestingly, more than half of this year-over increase was due to migration into the county.

An important economic measure closely associated with people is housing. In 2007, the number of new permits for homes—dwelling units, in housing lingo—was up 13 percent (from 8 in 2006 to 9 in 2007.) Nevertheless, the value of these permits fell 12 percent from last year. This suggests that the mix of homes permitted changed over the year with a preference for less expensive units.

The Labor Market

Daggett County experienced significant job growth in 2007. Compared with 2006, the county saw employment increase 5.9 percent in 2007, making the county the eighth fastest growing county in the state. This was a welcome change of affairs from last year's 0.4 percent annual decline in jobs.

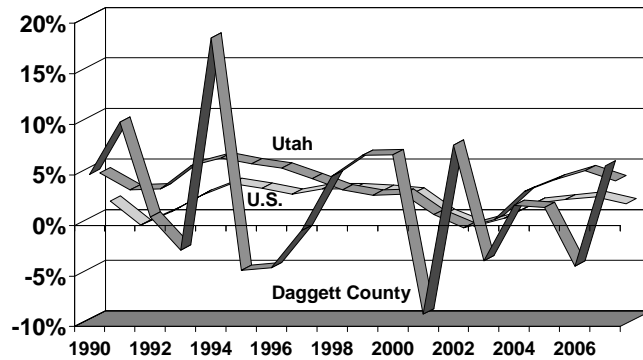
The major catalyst for the county's strong performance in 2007 was the construction industry, which added nearly 30 positions over the year. While this increase is very welcome, it is likely a transient blip in the county's economy given the temporary nature of the projects. Trade, transportation, and utilities (+6) and leisure and hospitality (+3) also added employment, but played a less influential role. The government sector, which makes up nearly 50 percent of all employment in the county, continued to shed jobs in 2007, with a loss of eight positions in the year.

Unemployment in the county hit the lowest level seen in the last eight years. The average annual unemployment rate for 2007 was 3.7 percent, which was significantly lower than 2006's rate of 4.7 percent. Even with this improvement in unemployment, Daggett County had the fifth highest unemployment rate in the state. However, this is more an artifact of the strong growth in the rest of the state, rather than an indictment of the county's economy (as 3.7 percent is easily considered full-employment in economic theory.)

A Word on Wages

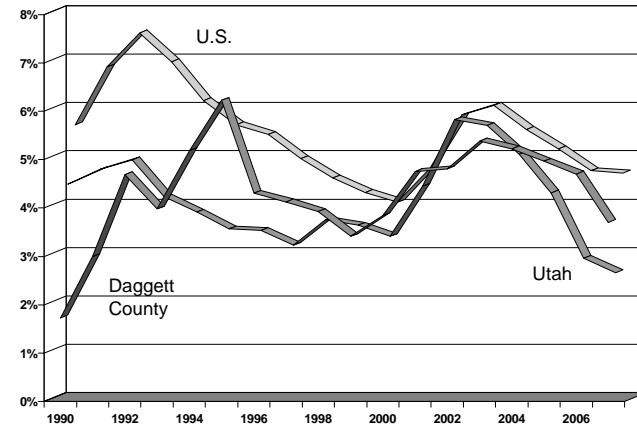
Another important indicator of Daggett County's economic health is the performance of the county's average monthly wage. While nominal wages have on average increased steadily over the last decade, real wage—inflation adjusted wages—performance has largely been negative to flat. Nominal wages in 2007 were up 31 percent over 1997, however real wages over the same time period were up only 1.5 percent. This weak increase in real buying power is disconcerting.

Daggett County Nonfarm Jobs



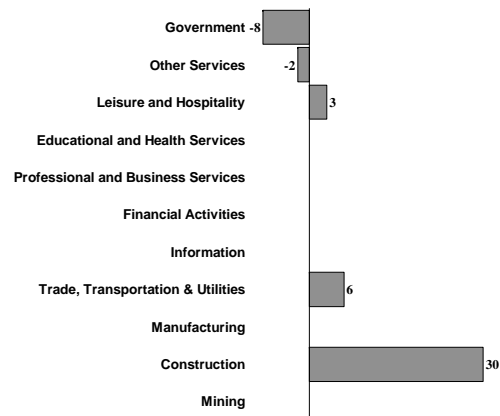
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Annual Unemployment Rates



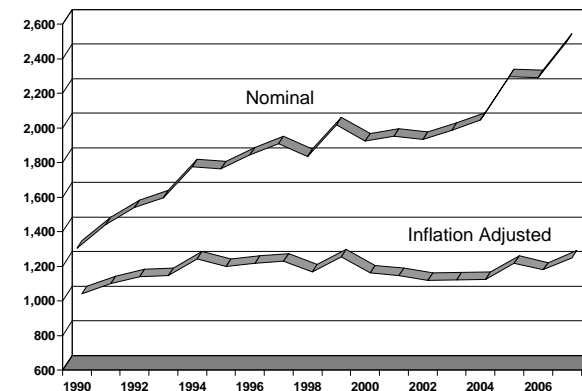
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2007 Daggett County Numeric Change in Jobs by Industry



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Daggett County Average Monthly Wage



Note: Inflation adjusted wages reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, 1982-84=100
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Personal Income (\$Millions)	16.6	16.6	17.2	18.3	19.8
Per Capita Income	18,549	17,980	18,660	19,500	20,433
Avg Household Income from IRS Returns	40,869	43,134	45,466	54,273	n.a.
Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage	1,987	2,047	2,300	2,292	2,503

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Utah State Tax Commission, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income/>

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Sales and Building

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)	11,692	8,850	21,412	15,462	11,840
Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)	2,522	1,320	1,791	1,527	1,663
New Residential Building Permits	31	12	18	8	9
Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)	1,762	1,024	1,522	1,204	1,063

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

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<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

	2000
Under 18	23.2%
65 years and over	13.5%
Median Age	39.2
Persons per Household	2.48
Persons per Family	3.02
Female-Headed Families	4.4%
High School Graduates	83.7%
College Graduates	11.9%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	53.6%
Male Participation	58.2%
Self-Employed	12.1%
Commute Time (minutes)	21.5
Median Family Income	\$41,484
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$35,938
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$21,583
Persons Below Poverty	5.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Largest Employers

Colletts Recreation Services
 Daggett County
 Jacob Fields Service N.A.
 Daggett County School District
 Bureau of Reclamation
 National Forest Service
 State of Utah
 Flaming Gorge Corp.
 Questar Pipeline Company
 Red Canyon Lodge
 Town of Manila
 Trout Creek Flies
 Williams Flaming Gorge Market

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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Other

Population by Race	2000
White	94.6%
Black	0.7%
American Indian	0.8%
Asian	0.1%
Pacific Islanders	0.0%
Other	3.9%
Hispanic/All Races	5.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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